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52. The method of claim 41, wherein the recombinant polynucleotide is an expression vector.

*See 38* 53. The method of claim 52, wherein the expression vector is an SV40 virus expression vector, an EBV expression vector, an *Autographa californica* nuclear polyhedrosis virus expression vector, a herpesvirus expression vector, or a vaccinia virus expression vector.

*D* 54. The method of claim 52, wherein the expression vector is a retrovirus expression vector.

55. The method of claim 52, wherein the expression vector is an adenovirus expression vector.

*See 36* 56. The method of claim 52, further comprising selecting cells that express an increased level of telomerase catalytic activity.

*See 10* 57. The method claim 52, wherein the cell is a human cell.

REMARKS

Claims 23-40 are pending in this application. Claims 23-40 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New Claims 41-57 have been added. Upon entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment, Claims 41-57 will be pending in this application.

Attached hereto as Appendix A captioned "Version with Markings to show changes made" is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment.

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification. The following table summarizes examples of sections of the specification that provide appropriate support.

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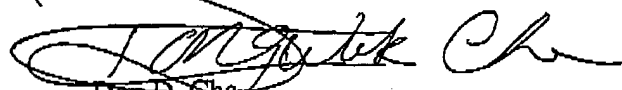
| Claim No.                    | Support   |
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| 41                           | See page 7, lines 25-26; page 21, lines 14-26; page 22, lines 11-26; page 39, lines 21-28; page 40, line 19, to page 45, line 20; page 100, lines 6-30; page 194, line 25, to page 195, line 19; and Figure 25 of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/912,951, filed August 14, 1997, which is incorporated herein by reference. |
| 42, 45, 47,<br>49, 51 and 57 | page 100, lines 27-30.  |
| 43                           | page 60, line 27, to page 61, line 8; page 100, lines 10-12.  |
| 44                           | page 20, lines 2-20.  |
| 46, 50 and 56                | page 7, 4-9.  |
| 48                           | see page 5, lines 7-8.  |
| 52-55                        | see canceled claim 26-27.   |

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the application proceed to examination on the merits without further delay.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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